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## HOUSE BILL No. 1210

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DIGEST OF HB 1210 (Updated January 28, 2009 7:33 pm - DI 77)

**Citations Affected:** IC 21-44.

**Synopsis:** Psychiatry loan repayment program. Creates the mental health services loan forgiveness program to provide incentives to attract psychiatrists, psychologists, and psychiatric nurses to practice in Indiana. Creates the mental health services loan forgiveness board to administer the loan forgiveness program. Creates the mental health services loan forgiveness account within the state general fund. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the commission on mental health.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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January 12, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.  
February 2, 2009, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1210

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 21-44-1-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2009]: **Sec. 1.5. "Account", for purposes of IC 21-44-6, refers to**  
4 **the mental health services loan forgiveness account established by**  
5 **IC 21-44-6-7.**
- 6 SECTION 2. IC 21-44-1-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION  
7 285, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
8 1, 2009]: Sec. 3. **(a) "Board", for purposes of IC 21-44-5, refers to the**  
9 **medical education board established by IC 21-44-5-1.**
- 10 **(b) "Board", for purposes of IC 21-44-6, refers to the mental**  
11 **health services loan forgiveness board established by IC 21-44-6-1.**
- 12 SECTION 3. IC 21-44-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
13 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
14 1, 2009]:
- 15 **Chapter 6. Mental Health Services Loan Forgiveness Program**  
16 **Sec. 1. There is established the mental health services loan**  
17 **forgiveness program to be administered by the mental health**

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services loan forgiveness board. The purpose of the program is to attract and train psychiatrists, psychologists, and psychiatric nurses who will provide mental health services in Indiana.

**Sec. 2. The board consists of the following members:**

(1) The dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine or the dean's designee. The dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine or the dean's designee shall serve as the chairperson of the board.

(2) The chairperson of the department of psychiatry of the Indiana University School of Medicine or the chairperson's designee.

(3) The director of the division of mental health and addiction created by IC 12-21-1-1 or the director's designee.

(4) The commissioner of the state department of health or the commissioner's designee.

(5) The administrator of a graduate program in an institution of higher education in Indiana engaged in training psychologists.

(6) The administrator of a program in an institution of higher education in Indiana engaged in training advanced practice psychiatric nurses.

**Sec. 3. The board shall meet initially at the call of the governor. After the initial meeting, the board shall meet at least twice each year at the call of the chairperson.**

**Sec. 4. (a) Each board member who is not a state employee is not entitled to a salary per diem. The member is, however, entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.**

**(b) Each member of the board who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.**

**(c) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to the board are required for the board to take action on any measure.**

**Sec. 5. The purpose of the board is to develop and oversee a loan forgiveness program designed to attract:**

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1 (1) psychiatrists;  
 2 (2) psychologists; and  
 3 (3) psychiatric nurses;  
 4 to provide services to individuals with mental illness in public  
 5 psychiatry settings in Indiana by assisting the individuals listed in  
 6 this section to pay off loans incurred in the training needed to  
 7 practice psychiatry and psychology and as a psychiatric nurse in  
 8 Indiana.

9 Sec. 6. The board shall establish guidelines for the repayment of  
 10 the loans incurred by a psychiatrist, psychologist, or psychiatric  
 11 nurse, including the following:

12 (1) A participant may not receive more than twenty-five  
 13 thousand dollars (\$25,000) in a year.

14 (2) A participant may not receive grants for more than four  
 15 (4) years.

16 (3) A participant must commit to a full year of service in a  
 17 public psychiatry setting for each year of loan repayment.

18 (4) A participant must be a practitioner who:

19 (A) is:

20 (i) from Indiana; and

21 (ii) establishing a new practice in Indiana; or

22 (B) is:

23 (i) from outside Indiana;

24 (ii) not currently practicing in Indiana and has not  
 25 practiced in Indiana for three (3) years before applying  
 26 for the program; and

27 (iii) establishing a new practice in Indiana.

28 Sec. 7. (a) The mental health services loan forgiveness account  
 29 within the state general fund is established for the purpose of  
 30 providing grants for loan repayment under this chapter. The  
 31 account shall be administered by the board. Money in the account  
 32 shall be used to fund loan forgiveness grants under this chapter.

33 (b) The account consists of:

34 (1) appropriations made by the general assembly;

35 (2) grants; and

36 (3) gifts and bequests.

37 (c) The expenses of administering the account shall be paid from  
 38 money in the account.

39 (d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account  
 40 not currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the  
 41 same manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that  
 42 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the account.

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- 1           **(e) Money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does not**  
2           **revert to the state general fund.**  
3           **(f) Money in the account is continually appropriated.**

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1210, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Page 3, line 4, after "illness in" insert "**public psychiatry settings in**".

Page 3, line 15, delete "The loan repayment grants must be used to attract" and insert "**A participant must commit to a full year of service in a public psychiatry setting for each year of loan repayment.**".

Page 3, delete line 16.

Page 4, delete lines 3 through 13.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1210 as introduced.)

BROWN C, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 8, nays 0.

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